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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Confirmation No.: 8146  
Gary K. Michelson )  
Serial No.: 10/825,522 ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: April 15, 2004 ) Examiner: David H. Willse  
For: METHOD FOR INSERTING NESTED )  
INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION )  
IMPLANTS )

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Prior to the further examination of this application and in reply to the Final Office Action of September 1, 2009, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.**

Amendment 11-12-09